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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Angel A. Castro	2653	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: In line 7, "on" should be changed to --out--. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kabasawa et al (U.S. Pat. 5,889,638).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Kabasawa et al discloses an apparatus (figures 13-16) for converting a rotational movement to a linear movement, comprising:

a lead screw 11, and

a slider having a first protrusion 36 and a second protrusion 39d, which are inserted into the groove of the lead screw,

wherein the first protrusion 36 is adapted to substantially tightly fit into the groove of the lead screw whereby the rotational movement of the lead screw is converted into the linear movement of the slider; and

wherein the second protrusion 39d is adapted to remain in the groove of the lead screw even if the first protrusion is moved out of the thread of the lead screw.

Regarding claims 2 and 8, Kabasawa et al discloses that the second protrusion is adapted not to contact the lead screw when the first protrusion is in a normal position (see figure 15).

Regarding claims 3 and 9, Kabasawa et al discloses that the first protrusion and the second protrusion are formed separately such that movement of the first protrusion along the radial direction of the lead screw does not cause the second protrusion to become separated from the screw groove of the lead screw (see figure 13).

Regarding claims 4 and 10, Kabasawa et al discloses that the slider further comprises a first extension portion 9b on which the first protrusion 36 is formed, and a second extension portion 39c on which the second protrusion 39d is formed (see figures 12-13).

Regarding claims 5 and 11, Kabasawa et al discloses that the second extension portion extends in a different direction from the first extension portion (see figures 12-13).

Regarding claims 6 and 12, Kabasawa et al discloses that a support portion adapted to support the second extension portion such that a designated minimum force is required to separate the second protrusion from the groove of the lead screw (see figure 12).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angel A. Castro whose telephone number is 571-272-7584. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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